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Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT.

PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.—*Washington*, August 14.—For the South Atlantic, Gulf States, and Tennessee, falling followed by rising barometer, slight changes in temperature, variable winds, mostly from southwest to southeast, partly cloudy or cloudy weather, and rain areas will prevail, except winds shifting to cooler northerly in the last section and northern section.

For the Middle States, falling barometer, warm southerly to easterly winds, increasing cloudiness, and frequent rains, succeeded during the afternoon and night by rising barometer, winds shifting to cooler westerly and northerly, and probably clearing weather.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was partly cloudy or clear, with occasional showers. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 74; 9 A. M., 81; noon, 85; 3 P. M., 84; 6 P. M., 83; midnight, 76.

THE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, AND EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATION BILL.—The legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill, as reported from the conference committee, and passed by both branches of Congress yesterday, contains in lieu of the House provision requiring a reduction of ten per centum on the salaries of all collectors of customs and employees of the customs service a new section directing the Secretary of the Treasury to "institute a committee consisting of the President and Messrs. Barbour and Newman were also appointed to apply to the Council and Aldermen of the city of Richmond for an appropriation of \$10,000 to defray the expenses of the Union and Central Pacific railroads, to be made in pursuance of the resolution of the House of Representatives adopted on the 12th ultimo.

The bill, as passed by the House, aggregated \$13,392,253. This total was increased by the Senate by \$17,028,756. The bill, as it goes to the President, aggregates \$30,421,009, showing that the conference committee made very nearly an equal division of the differences between the two branches of Congress, the total being increased by only \$163,000, or about one-half of the total amount of all items in controversy. There were no less than 954 controverted points, and at least two-thirds of the amendments by one house or the other were further amended in the conference. The amount of clerical labor on this bill has therefore been unprecedented, and it is considered a very remarkable circumstance that on a minute comparison to-day the work of the clerks of the two appropriation committees has been found without a single error.

BOY-SNATCHING IS A BUSINESS.—The business of boy-snatching has been brought at the Philadelphia City Court to a high degree of perfection and profit. It will be remembered that about a month ago a Baltimorean named William O'Neill died in Philadelphia, and as he was without friends or relatives, the police were laid away in a pauper's grave. Some days afterwards his sister heard of his death, and went to Philadelphia to claim the body and give it decent sepulture. All search for it in the potter's field was unsuccessful, and the police had been of the relatives, and that O'Neill's corpse had been transferred to the dissecting-table of some medical institution. The superintendent of the potter's field got up a private investigation of his own, and found himself in a dilemma, either failing to protect the sanctity of the grave, or failing to protect the sanctity of the body. But there was some imputation thrown by indirection upon a corner, Goddard by name, and to clear himself he started an inquiry, the result of which is to show up Taylor, the superintendent of the potter's field, as a man who has never adverse to the accused parties.

THE STABLES AND CAR-HOUSE OF THE Citizens' Street Railway Company, at Indianapolis, were totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Of one hundred and seventy-five horses in the stables at that time, as five horses in the stable fifty perished before they could be rescued. Twenty-five cars and a large amount of other property were destroyed. One employee named Thomas Hall was fatally injured, and died Sunday evening. Loss estimated at \$50,000; partly covered by insurance.

A dispatch from Columbia, S. C., states that Dick Lundy (colored), a prisoner in the Edgefield jail, has confessed to having been hired by a number of persons, including nearly all the leading Radicals in Edgefield county, to assassinate General M. C. Butler. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the accused parties.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE NEXT MEETING AT THE MONTGOMERY WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS—PROSPECTS FOR THE NEXT FAIR—CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED—AID TO BE ASKED FROM RICHMOND—A TOURNAMENT IN PROSPECT, &c.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Agricultural Society was held on Friday at the Montgomery White Sulphur Springs.

Present: W. C. Knight, president; L. E. Harvie, ex-president; S. W. Ficklin, S. S. Brantley, James Newman, General G. S. Moore, John Dodson, Dr. Monroe Banister, John D. Rogers, Dr. M. C. Elzey; G. W. Palmer, president Lynchburg Agricultural Society; and E. G. Leigh, secretary.

The prospects of the next Fair were discussed, and all arrangements within the power of the committee made for its success.

It is of special importance to the interests of the State at this time is acknowledged, but in view of a general depression in business, and the scarcity of money among the farmers, it was felt that extra efforts ought to be made to induce visitors, but an enlarged display of all the resources of the State.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Knight, Drewry, Bradford, Burke, and Dodson, to whom were added E. G. Booth, Esq., of Philadelphia, and General J. M. Grant, were appointed to prepare a Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia (which will close about the 1st of November, when the Virginia State Fair will be held), and do what they can to incite an interest there in our exhibition.

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CHURCH NOTES.

THE NEW PASTOR OF GRACE CHURCH TO TAKE CHARGE ON THE 1ST OF OCTOBER.—SUNDAY SERVICES—A BALTIMORE RABBI CHOSEN SUPERINTENDENT OF BETH ABABA SUNDAY SCHOOL—THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC-BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, &c., &c.

The Monumental church was closed on Sunday morning, but the other Episcopal churches were open as usual.

At St. Paul's church, Rev. J. H. Powers presided in the morning. The church was closed at night. Dr. Minnigerode is at present at Halifax, N. S.

Rev. H. Melville Jackson, now of Greenville, S. C., having accepted the call to Grace (Episcopal) church, of this city, will enter upon his duties as rector the first Sunday in October. He succeeds the Rev. K. L. Nelson, recently elected to a professorship in the Theological Seminary of Virginia.

Rev. Mr. Harry Lee, who has been called as assistant at St. James church, preached on Sunday night at Moore Memorial chapel. At the Broad Street Methodist church on Sunday the pastor (having returned to the city) preached to fine congregations morning and night.

At Centenary Rev. D. P. Wills, presiding elder, preached Sunday morning, and Rev. P. A. Peterson in the evening. The services on each occasion were highly appreciated by the congregation. Dr. Edwards, the pastor, was absent preaching in Petersburg.

At Clay-Street church, the pastor, Rev. P. A. Peterson, preached in the morning on the subject of "Principle in the Practice of Religious Duties." At night the presiding elder, D. P. Wills, preached on the Satisfying Effect of Experimental Religion. Considering the threatening aspect of the skies the congregation was quite large.

At the First Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. E. W. Warren, D. D., preached morning and evening, the sermons being in the usual earnest and impressive style of this distinguished divine.

The music on both occasions was beautiful, reminding one of "Monumental" and "Second Baptist" choirs in their palmy days. The opening piece in the morning was Millard's "Jubilate," into which that eminent composer has deftly woven those gems from Rossini's "Stabat Mater," the "Gloria Animi" and "Inflammatus."

For an offering was made by Mrs. Dr. Robinson and Mr. Redford, a plaintive duet from Verdi, adding to the hymn "Love divine, all love excelling."

During the singing of this piece our reporter felt like giving his "bottom dollar" to any church that had a sufficient love for so heavenly-born an instrumental as appropriate music.

The exercises at night were opened with Warren's immortal hymn-anthem "Now is Christ risen from the dead," introducing the exquisite strains intoned by Mr. Grant. "Behold I stand at your door," the quartette consisted of Mrs. Dr. Robinson, soprano; Miss Maggie Redford, contralto; Mr. John D. Redford, tenor; and Mr. W. H. Grant, Jr., basso. A grand combination, surely, and their voices never sounded so well.

At the Second church, Rev. K. B. Tupper, of Charlottesville, preached morning and night. Both sermons fully sustained the reputation of the talented young minister.

Rev. A. Hoffmann has resigned his position as superintendent of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, and is to be succeeded by Mr. Grant, having on the 10th instant been unanimously elected rabbi, reader, and superintendent of the Sunday school of the Beth Ababa Hebrew congregation of Richmond, the largest and wealthiest congregation of that denomination in this State. His resignation is to take effect September 15th, and on that same day he will assume charge of his new congregation. Dr. Hoffmann has been connected with the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Baltimore since its opening in 1873, and for five years previously rabbi of the Lloyd-St. congregation of Baltimore.

Spencer, James and Willie Ann Mason (colored) were fined \$2.50 each and costs for creating a disturbance in the street, were fined \$2.50 each and costs for creating a disturbance in the street.

Creed Estes (colored) was fined \$2.50 and costs for assaulting and beating his wife.

Ben. Moore, a vagrant, was sent to jail in default of \$2000 bond.

Charles Addison and Emma Jackson, disorderly conduct, \$5 each.

A number of cases of a trifling character were disposed of.

ARRESTS.—The following cases were recorded at the First police station at midnight: Laura Gatewood (colored), stealing from the person of Fleming Randolph thirty cents.

E. W. Grace and Richard Jackson (white), creating a disturbance in the street.

Marion Baker (white), trespassing on the premises of and insulting Julia C. Goodman.

W. A. Howard and Louis Jones (white), charged with keeping a house for gaming, were fined \$10 each and costs.

Burwell Bland (colored), charged with assaulting and beating Andrew Perdue.

Charles and Elizabeth Hamilton, charged with creating a disturbance in the street.

David Corbit (white), charged with trespassing on the premises of L. A. Whiting.

SYSTEMATIC JUNK-ROBBERIES DISCOVERED IN CHESTERFIELD ARRESTED BY DETECTIVE MEN OF A COLORABLE NOTABLE AND HIS PARTNER, AN EX-CONVICT.—For some time past the Danville Railroad Company has suffered almost incalculable losses from the junk-thieves who have raided upon their trains at Granite and Rockfield stations and on their car-shops and stations in and about Manchester.

It may not be known that often when heavily laden trains come down the road the cars are switched off on the "sidings," or side tracks, and are left alone there. Such a thing as a depredation upon empty cars was never heard of in Virginia until late years.

The first attention to this very remarkable depredation was called several months ago, when it was found that several of the brass boxes about the wheels had been removed. Shortly after a train of some twelve or thirteen cars was placed on a side track between the above-mentioned stations. When it was attempted to move this train off it was discovered that so many of the boxes had been removed that the train could not move, consequently the train has stood upon the track about two weeks. The railroad company upon finding that these junk-robberies assumed a systematic character, and that the depredations were becoming more and more frequent, determined to find out the parties engaged in the robbery. After days of diligent search he succeeded yesterday in finding James Wortham (colored), formerly constable of the city of Manchester and captain of the Manchester City Guard, and James Bench, an ex-convict from the penitentiary. They will be tried before Justice White this morning, and will doubtless be sent to Manchester for execution.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GEORGE.—Mrs. Guigon was buried on Sunday afternoon from the Monumental church. There was a very large congregation present, notwithstanding the heavy rain which came up suddenly at 6 o'clock. The remains were placed temporarily in a vault in Hollywood.

SUNDAY WORK OF THE AMBULANCE.—On Sunday about 7 o'clock P. M. Mrs. Clendenning, who resides on Tenth street near Byrd, slipped and fell, striking her head against the curbstone, inflicting a severe wound. She was conveyed to the almshouse hospital by the city ambulance, in charge of Dr. Lumsden.

Frank Ives, a colored man employed in Mr. O. P. Gregory's tobacco factory, on Twenty-fifth street, was taken with an apoplexy about 1 o'clock on Sunday, and conveyed to his home, near by, in the city ambulance, under the care of Dr. E. P. James, assisted by Dr. Lumsden. He had very much improved when they left him.

ESCAPE OF A CONVICT AND RECAPTURE.—Yesterday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock, while a gang of convicts were at work outside of the penitentiary, one of them—Sykes, a white man—while the attention of the guard was called off, succeeded in escaping over the fence. His absence was soon discovered, and a search was made for him. He was captured by Mr. John Morton, near his flower-garden, and taken back to the penitentiary.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY.—Justice Joseph A. White presiding.—John White (colored) was up to answer the charge of disorderly conduct in the street. The policeman stated that he arrested White for making a disturbance in the street.

Ben. Harris and Robert Smith (small colored boys) were fined \$1 each for throwing rocks in the street.

Clemens Burke and John Larkin were fined \$2.50 each and costs for creating a disturbance in the street.